

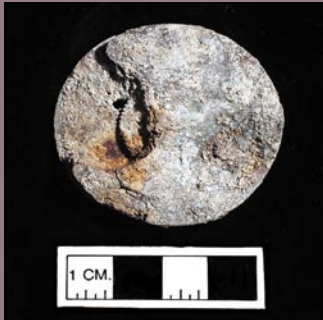
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ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS



These are pictures of a railroad watch recovered from underneath Keystone Avenue. It was found about 2 feet beneath the surface, in the railroad ballast, right next to an old spur line that ran by the Hockey House located at 264 Keystone Avenue in Reno. The railroad spur itself dates to the early part of the 20th century, and was in use until the 1960's.

There are a two gears visible. The pictures are views of the two sides of the watch and the edge where the winding stem is. Only the interior portion of the watch was found, the case was not present.



CITY OF RENO NEWS

The City of Reno ReTRAC project is now underway with signs of work everywhere along the two mile project. As the contractor – Granite Construction – begins the task of building what will be an improved railway transportation access corridor through the downtown area, City of Reno employees are working diligently to keep the community involved and up to date on the project's progress.

On the first Wednesday of every month the ReTRAC team holds a general public meeting at 7:00 p.m. Updates are given regarding the ReTRAC project with engineers, consultants, and city employees providing regular updates.

During the General Public meeting in March, participants received information regarding bridge construction over existing at – grade railroad crossings. There are 11 bridges starting at Vine Street and continuing to Evans Street. There was also discussion regarding ReTRAC project enhancements such as landscaping, and a “deck over” to create an open plaza. The design engineering contractor stated that the corridor was being built to support a “deck over”, so the City of Reno can consider this possible enhancement at a future date.

These meetings are designed specifically to keep the Reno community informed regarding the ReTRAC project. Participation is welcome and encouraged. Please see page three of this newsletter for instructions on how to be added to the ReTRAC project mailing list.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The City of Reno has created a program through the ReTRAC project to bring career opportunities to the community. Partnership with Granite Construction, local trade unions, and human service organizations, the City of Reno will present a series of orientations for careers in heavy construction.

The ReTRAC *Opportunities for Diverse Populations in Heavy Construction* program will allow minority and at-risk populations to participate in an orientation that exposes them to career opportunities through local trade unions. Career opportunities created by projects such as ReTRAC. Orientation participants will also have access to human service organizations that will assist them in meeting their goals. It is estimated that between 2,070 and 5,270 jobs will be created just from the ReTRAC project alone. For more information regarding the orientation program please see page three of this newsletter.



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RETRAC UNDERWAY

The most visible aspect of the Reno ReTRAC Project is the train trench itself. Less obvious to the public is the incredible amount of preliminary work, which must be accomplished first. Traveling trains must be diverted from the main track for trench construction, and hundreds of utilities must be relocated for construction of both the temporary, or "shoofly" track, and the trench for the mainline track.

In late October 2002, the Reno ReTRAC team members moved in to the Project Office, at 264 Keystone Avenues, which previously was the Reno Hockey House. Design work had begun prior to the move-in, and by the time of move-in, sufficient design work had been done to allow utility work to begin. Pot-holing started in November 2002 and is on-going. Following are work items completed to date.

UTILITY RELOCATION

Utility relocations were included in the ReTRAC budget and in many cases are partially funded by the utility companies themselves.

SBC/Nevada Bell utilities under the shoofly at Keystone Avenues, Ralston Avenues and Lake Street have been "protected-in-place" by methods such as concrete encasement or installing the pipe into a secondary casing pipe. The utility at Keystone and future trench has been temporarily re-located; and the utilities near the shoofly at both Dickerson Road and Spokane Street have been retired.

The sanitary sewer line at Vine Street has been intercepted at Third Street, and a new sewer line has been constructed along Third Street to the existing sanitary sewer line at Third and Sierra Street.

Sierra Pacific Power Company has both gas and electric utilities, which required Protection-in-Place, relocation or retirement. Gas lines at the shoofly crossings of Keystone, Vine, Washington and Lake streets have been encased; a gas line at the trench crossing at Washington has been relocated. Gas and electric service for two locations of the shoofly crossing, at Dickerson and Spokane, have been retired. Electrical service at Second Street and Dickerson Road has been relocated.

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) water lines at Vine, Ralston, Arlington and West for both the Shoofly and the trench crossings have been located and capped, or "abandoned". The shoofly crossing at Keystone required relocation of one line and protection-in-place of another; and at Washington Street, one line was protected-in-place. Water lines at the Shoofly crossings of Douglas Alley and Ralston were relocated. Water service for two locations of the Shoofly crossing, at Dickerson and Spokane, has been retired.

Charter Cable TV service at Second Street and Dickerson Road has been relocated.

Kinder Morgan and the City of Reno have reached an agreement to relocate the fuel line, and "pot-holing" has begun to finalize the design. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-April and be completed by September 2003.

DEFINITIONS:

Design Build:

Design-build is a procurement process that allows a single entity, the architect and general contractor, to provide both design and construction of a project. Compared to a traditional, "design-bid-build" approach, design-build allows the design professional to be part of the construction entity, and it eliminates redundancy in the proposal and bidding procedures.

Shoo-Fly:

The detour track that the Union Pacific trains will run on during construction of the trench.

CIDH Piling (Cast-In-Drilled-Hole Piling):

A drilled shaft filled with concrete and reinforcing steel. On this project they will be used as foundation piles for some of the bridges that will span the trench, and for the temporary shoring that will stabilize the sides of the trench excavation.

Pot-Holing:

Exposing underground utility lines to verify their location. This can either be done by "hard digging" using equipment such as a backhoe or "soft Digging" using a vacuum truck.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MAY

May 7 – General Public Information Meeting. This is a monthly meeting held by the ReTRAC Team, hosted by Granite Construction and held at the ReTRAC offices located at 264 Keystone Avenues, Reno at 7:00 p.m. Topic of this month's meeting: Drilling the Foundation for the ReTRAC Project. Guest Presenter: Condon Johnson.

May 7 – Orientation: "Opportunities for Diverse Populations in Heavy Construction", Northeast Community Center 1301 Valley Road in northeast Reno from 6-8 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn about beginning a career in the Heavy Construction Industry. See contact information on this page to call to register.

May 15 – Citizens Oversight Committee (Formerly Stakeholder Chairpersons Meeting). Will meet to discuss all Charter points. Review past month's events. 3-5 p.m. Lepori Construction Conference Room 264 Keystone Avenue Reno.

JUNE

June 4 - General Public Information Meeting. This is a monthly meeting held by the ReTRAC Team, hosted by Granite Construction and held at the ReTRAC offices located at 264 Keystone Avenue, Reno at 7:00 p.m. Topic of this month's meeting: Traffic Control presented by Parsons Engineering.

June 18 – Orientation : "Opportunities for Diverse Populations in Heavy Construction" will be held at the Reno Housing Authority 1400 Silverada Boulevard, Reno, NV 89512. Call ReTRAC Works Hotline on this page for times.

June 19 - Citizens Oversight Committee (Formerly Stakeholder Chairpersons Meeting). Will meet to discuss all Charter points. Review past month's events. 3-5 p.m. Lepori Construction Conference Room 264 Keystone Avenue Reno.

JULY

July 2 – General Public Information Meeting. This is a monthly meeting held by the ReTRAC Team, hosted by Granite Construction and the City of Reno, held at the ReTRAC offices located at 264 Keystone Avenue, Reno at 7:00 p.m. Topic of this month's meeting: Safety.

July 17 - Citizens Oversight Committee (Formerly Stakeholder Chairpersons Meeting). Will meet to discuss all Charter points. Review past month's events. 3-5 p.m. Lepori Construction Conference Room 264 Keystone Avenue Reno.

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PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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SHORING UP FOR SHOOFLY

A section of storm drain pipe east of Second Street, where the storm drain crosses the shoofly, has been replaced with a stronger grade pipe. At the Washington Street crossing of the shoofly, the pipe has been intercepted and a new line constructed from Washington to Vine. Interception of the pipe at the Arlington crossing, and new pipe construction from Arlington to Lake Street is scheduled to begin mid-April 2003.

Preparations for the **shoofly track** are underway, which required the closure of Second Street at the railroad underpass. Utility abandonment and construction of the shoofly embankment is in progress. At the eastern end of the project, the Freight House dock and awning were demolished in preparation for construction of the shoofly sub-grade. Both the awning and the dock will be restored when construction is complete.

CONTAINING THE CONTAMINANTS

Prior to and during any earth disturbing activity or building demolition, sites have been examined and are monitored by a variety of environmental specialists. Cognizant of the potential of uncovering contaminated soils during construction excavation, a **"contaminated soil containment area"** has been constructed to isolate and temporarily place contaminated soils.

BUDGET GRAPH

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(In Millions)
**Design Build Contract
Granite Construction
Expenditures vs. Budget**

